### STATE OF IOWA

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### **UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

QWEST CORPORATION, f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DOCKET NOS. TF-00-314 RPU-99-1

# ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

(Issued January 18, 2001)

On November 30, 1999, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order approving a settlement agreement in this docket, permitting Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), to implement an Equal Access and Network Reconfiguration Recovery Charge (EANRC) to recover the costs associated with implementation of equal access in the Qwest network in Iowa. The settlement provided for recovery of the estimated costs of the required network changes with annual true-ups. On December 19, 2000, Qwest filed a tariff proposing to true-up the charge with an increase. The tariff was identified as TF-00-314.

On January 9, 2001, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed a motion for extension of time to review and, if necessary, object to Qwest's proposed tariff revision. AT&T stated that AT&T had not, at that time, received the confidential materials supporting the proposed tariff and therefore was unable to review the data and methodology supporting the request. AT&T requested an extension of time to January 15, 2001, to review and, if necessary, object to the tariff.

AT&T subsequently informed Board staff that it has completed its review of the confidential information supporting the tariff and, without waiving its right to object to Qwest's EANRC in the future concerning the total cost recovery, AT&T does not object to the most recent tariff filing. AT&T made these statements with the understanding that any errors that may exist in the proposed tariff may be identified and corrected in subsequent true-ups.

The Board agrees that any errors or miscalculations that may exist in the proposed tariff may be identified and corrected in subsequent true-ups. On this basis, the proposed tariff is approved.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The proposed EANRC tariff filed by Qwest on December 19, 2000, and identified as TF-00-314 is approved.

# /s/ Allan T. Thoms /s/ Susan J. Frye ATTEST: /s/ Judi K. Cooper /s/ Diane Munns Acting Executive Secretary

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.